

that commemorates the 20th anniversary of an important moment in world history and recognizes an extraordinary man's dedication to equality, peace and reconciliation.

RECOGNIZING HOUSE RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF HAITI

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you to express my support for the three House Resolutions on today's legislative calendar honoring the Americans who responded courageously and humanely after the devastating earthquake in Haiti on January 12th.

We all remember the startling and sobering televised images of the aftermath of the earthquake. The men and women being honored today, in the military and amongst our first responders, ran to the epicenter of this tragedy to help save lives. I am proud to join my colleagues in recognizing these individuals with House Resolutions H. Res. 1066, H. Res. 1059, and H. Res. 1048. I would especially like to recognize New York Task Force One, the FEMA-sponsored urban search and rescue team, made up of 80 members of the New York Police Department and the Fire Department of New York, who were successful in freeing six individuals from the rubble.

The immediate response from our citizens to the tragedy in Haiti has been heartwarming, demonstrating the decency and compassion we all have for our fellow mankind during difficult times. Even those who have not been formally recognized in the resolutions noted above are partners in this shared effort to overcome such a disaster. Within 24 hours following the quake, we saw Americans from a cross section of society—from elected officials in Washington to everyday residents all over New York City—reach out and offer assistance. Even today, the statistics are hard to believe, almost 50 percent of Americans have donated to the Haitian relief efforts and there are still thousands waiting in line for their turn to assist on the grounds.

As a nation, it has warmed my heart to see us dedicate our efforts, and commit ourselves to supporting, the long-suffering Haitian people, now and into the future.

Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in recognizing those who offered their time and effort to assist those in Haiti and challenge them to stay the course until Haiti is made whole again.

HONORING THE CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, 100 years ago Zephyrhills, FL was founded as a colony paradise by Howard B. Jeffries for his fellow Union civil war veterans. Originally named Abbot after the owner of the town's first drug store, Zephyrhills is now home to 11,000 proud residents.

Tradition holds that the town of Abbot's name was changed to Zephyrhills because of the cool, gentle, zephyr breezes from neighboring Greer and LeHeup Hill. The name officially changed to "Zephyrhills" on March 10, 1911; with it, the town of Abbott officially moved from an A to Z in the alphabet.

Zephyrhills residents are proud of the many accomplished men and women who have brought notoriety to their hometown. Zephyrhills High School coach John Clements has the distinguished record of being one of only five coaches in the United States with over 400 recorded wins; "The Bulldogs" baseball team now plays on the John F. Clements field in his honor. Having played professional baseball prior to coaching for ZHS, John, along with Yankees pitching coach Dave Eiland, Green Bay Packers defensive tackle Ryan Pickett, and NASCAR driver David Reutemann, is among the list of athletes that call Zephyrhills their hometown.

Zephyrhills is also proud of its local beauties. Begun in 1956, the Lions' Club's "Miss Zephyrhills" pageant is a favorite feature during the annual Founders Days. It has become a launching ground for the statewide "Miss Florida" competition. Many former "Miss Zs" love their hometown as much as any other resident, 1978's winner, Diana Kennedy, summed up her experience saying, "I was very proud to represent Zephyrhills and I know the experience made me feel like Miss America. I remember being involved in the community; throwing out the first baseball and attending parades. Of all the titles I held, representing my hometown was the most rewarding."

One hundred years ago Howard B. Jeffries founded a town. Zephyrhills has become a community based around family, neighborhoods, small businesses and longstanding traditions. I congratulate Zephyrhills on this momentous occasion and wish them continued prosperity and lasting memories throughout the next one hundred years.

A TRIBUTE TO WAYNE C. DELL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, "Semper Fi," always faithful.

Like the strong foundation upon which this great Capitol has been erected, so to is America's foundation created by outstanding American citizens who quietly and humbly go about their daily life, devoting themselves to their God, Nation, family, friends and life's calling.

One such individual was Wayne Clair Dell. Born in Duncansville, Pennsylvania, to Helen and Charles Dell on June 29, 1946, Wayne worked with his father during middle school and high school in the construction industry.

Like most Americans, he comes from a very simple family background and had two loving and devoted sisters and one brother.

He attended Penn State University and served this great Nation during one of its most trying hours as a Nation, as a United States Marine from 1966–69, having been discharged honorably to return home, fall in love, and marry Ouida Cleland Dell in Ridgeland, South Carolina, in June of 1969.

Upon leaving the Marines, Wayne went to work in the construction and architectural industry on Hilton Head Island, long before anyone had ever heard of Hilton Head Island, and began as a draftsman with a firm in Savannah, Georgia, eventually taking that great American plunge into self-investment and small business by opening his own architectural firm out of the Dell homestead: Wayne C. Dell, Architect.

Working from home allowed Wayne to become very involved in his family's life, and he never missed an event in which his children participated. For many years, he served as a little league baseball announcer and was an avid and excellent tennis player, having won many community tournaments—to the great pride of his family, I might add, who loved cheering him on! Likewise, Wayne's hobbies were supporting his children and family in all their endeavors.

In addition to these pursuits, he enjoyed woodworking and carving and took great pride in the handmade high quality gifts he made for his family members, yet another enduring legacy. An active athlete his entire life, Wayne also played for many years in the church volleyball league, enjoyed playing all sports and staying in top condition; a quality that he learned as a Marine.

Incredibly, Wayne, as many of our forefathers, taught himself a profession, architecture, and passed the state licensure exam the last time that you could legally take the exam without having a college degree; an impressive feat, indeed.

Wayne eventually became known as a respected architect and specialized in high-end residential homes in communities in Hilton Head Island and Beaufort County, in addition to commercial architectural work. He prided himself on the art of architecture, which, to this day, stands as monument to his life's work.

Wayne had two natural born children, Eric (age 37) and Melissa (age 39). Possessing a strong desire to spread their love, they adopted their daughter's child Bethany, who is now 13 years old, when her mother was stricken with Huntington's disease, as did Wayne, and as did his mother.

Wayne and his loving wife of 40 years, Ouida, have cared for their daughter, Melissa, who has had to live with them for the past dozen years due to her health, quite literally serving as caregiver to her, and as proxy father to their daughter's daughter for the past 13 years. Wayne represents the perfect American father figure.

A strong man of Christian faith, Wayne attended and was married in St. Pauls United Methodist Church in Ridgeland, SC (1969). He was a certified Lay Minister within the United Methodist Church.

It is a sad calling, as I stand here today, to inform my friends and this Nation, that a dear friend, and father of a most trusted friend, Wayne C. Dell, passed away yesterday morning.

But as all architects know, with each great stone that is laid, another rests atop it to make the building stand stronger, and Wayne can be very proud of the son he raised, my Chief of Staff, Eric Dell of the Second Congressional District. In Eric, Wayne raised a son who many in both political parties have come to know, love and trust—no easy task on Capitol Hill, I know.